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Kimberly J. Keesler

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*Village of Almont*  
817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003

**Village Council:**  
Steve Schneider, President  
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem  
Richard Lauer  
Dave Love  
Gary Peltier  
Melinda Steffler  
Richard Tobias

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 1, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Peltier

Staff Present:	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
	Police Chief	Pat Nael
	DPW Superintendent	Bryan Treat

Guests Present: Mrs. Michael Deem  
Mr. Steve Palmer  
Mr. Mark Ragsdale  
Ms. Melinda Steffler  
4 Citizens

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Public Hearing Minutes, June 17, 2014
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2014, as corrected. Discussion was held regarding the MERS resolutions and the day of work definition. It was the consensus of Council for Clerk/Treasurer Keesler to get our MERS representative's opinion regarding this matter.
3. Warrant #14-07-A Gen Ck #32856-32906, Equip EFT #43
4. Payroll Report, Ck #15721-15737, DD #851-871, EFT #78-80

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Michael Deem introduced himself to Council as one of the applicants to be interviewed for the Village Manager position.



Mr. Steve Palmer, resident of 305 Johnson, requested permission to close one block of Johnson Street, between Centennial and Washington for a few hours on August 9, 2014 for a block party. He explained only two occupied homes are in this section of Johnson Street, both of which will be in attendance ~~of~~at the party. Police Chief Nael did not foresee any problem with the street closure. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objections to close one block of Johnson Street, between Centennial and Washington on August 9, 2014.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Councilmember Election**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler explained to Council that the Village office only received one~~e~~ letter of interest for the Council vacancy from Melinda Steffler. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to elect Ms. Melinda Steffler to the position of Councilmember, due to ~~the vacancy from~~ Mr. Tom Umphenour's resignation.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Tobias, Schneider  
Nays: None  
Absent: Peltier  
Abstain: None

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler swore Councilmember Steffler in and she took her place on the Council.

### **2. Sidewalk Replacement**

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the proposal submitted by T.G. Priehs Paving Co. in the amount of \$5,000 to repair 640 square feet of concrete sidewalk throughout the Village.

### **3. Road Repair – East Washington**

DPW Superintendent Treat explained a resident on Washington Street had to move the sewer lateral from the main on Van Dyke to the main on Bristol Street. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the proposal submitted by T.G. Priehs Paving Co. in the amount of \$2,900 to asphalt patch 713 square feet of Washington Street.

### **4. Howland Road Project**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler and DPW Superintendent Treat presented Council with a proposal from Lapeer County Road Commission submitted to both Almont Township and the Village of Almont for repairing Howland Road. Discussion was held.



It was the consensus of Council to table this item until such time as Clerk/Treasurer Keesler could receive a timeline from Township Supervisor Bowman as to when the Township wants to complete the work and the Village develops an asset management plan regarding the infrastructure underneath Howland Road.

**5. Ordinance No. 187 – Amendment to Almont Village Zoning Ordinance (Pertaining to Section 4 – Wells)**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 187, pertaining to Section 4 – Wells. The recommendation of Village Attorney Gary Howell was to remove the requirement to conform to the isolation distances for a Type IIb well, which is far more restrictive than MDEQ's requirements. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to table this item to learn what standards the Lapeer County Health Department uses regarding isolation distances if the municipality does not have a regulation in writing.

**6. Park Board Accounting Changes and Semi-Annual Contributions**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve moving the Park Board revenues and expenses to its own fund along and approve the \$5,000 semi-annual contribution.

**7. ROWE Professional Services Company Invoice - \$3,448.75**

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until an itemized bill is submitted.

**8. I.T. Right Invoice - \$3,244.00**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve I.T. Right's invoice for computer equipment for the Police Department in the amount of \$3,244.00.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**1. Properties Build in Drakeshire and Stoneridge**

Discussion was held regarding the street lighting in the Drakeshire subdivision. It was confirmed the bylaws of the Homeowners Association of the Drakeshire subdivision states it is the association who makes the decision as to what street lights are to be activated and the Village is only the liaison between the Homeowners Association and DTE Energy.

**2. Legislative Link**

**COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler updated Council as to the letter received by the Building Department from Fire Chief Smith regarding the Proposed Site Plan of the new Booster Station. Discussion was held.



All the councilmembers welcomed new Councilmember Steffler to the Village Council. It was also mentioned she will have to submit her resignation from the Planning Commission as only one Councilmember and President may be on that Commission.

Councilmember Dyke mentioned that all street closure requests (i.e., Christmas Parade, Heritage Festival, Homecoming, etc.) be submitted to Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: July 15, 2014, as corrected



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